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(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

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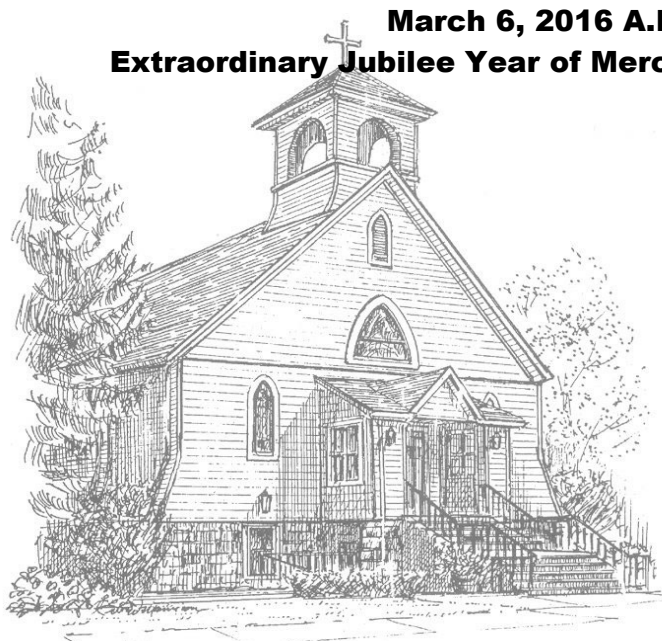
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WELCOME

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30am, 8:15am (Latin)

**9:30am, 10:45am, 12:00pm,
6:00pm & 7:00pm**

Weekdays: M-Sat 8:00am & 12:00noon

SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 7:30pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions

First Saturday: 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Saturday: 12:00pm Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Sundays: at 3PM Group Rosary

Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday

St. Jude and St. Anthony: Wednesday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & 12Noon Mass.

Tuesday-Novena Prayer and Adoration: 2:00-3:00pm

Thursday-Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction: 7:00pm

Friday-Exposition & Adoration: 12:30PM-3:00pm

Nocturnal Adoration: First Friday evening 8pm to Saturday 8am

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am. First Friday at 7:00pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:25pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **OLV PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: little Niamh Devlin, Br. Pius, Joseph Accardi, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, William Biasi, Michael Conmy, Mario Gobetti, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie and George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, Therese Vaglio, Mike Weber, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurst, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Professor Alice von Hildebrand, a distinguished Catholic writer and the wife of the late Dietrich von Hildebrand. Alice and I have been close friends for many years and you may have seen our series on suffering on EWTN. She reminded me of a very important line which I had forgotten. It was a statement by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: 'Nothing is worse than wasted suffering'. Of course, one is tempted to ask, 'Why did this accident occur?' While I am being tempted to ask this, I am looking at a picture of St. Padre Pio, who said, 'Don't ask why, ask what - what am I supposed to do?' That seems rather obvious, except one must admit a deficiency of virtues and throw oneself before Christ crucified and the Holy Spirit. We all suffer. Some suffer well, some poorly, some bitterly, some in union with Christ, some in union with Our Lady and the saints, some in union with God as they know Him, some only in union with the other people in the hospital, and some all alone - but we suffer. How much better it is to suffer even poorly and inconsistently in union with Christ."

Fr. Benedict Groeschel CFR

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DEFINITION OF IRONY

The food stamp program, part of the Department of Agriculture, is pleased to be distributing the greatest amount of food stamps ever. Meanwhile, the Park Service, also part of the Department of Agriculture, asks us to "please do not feed the animals" because the animals may grow dependent and not learn to take care of themselves.

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!!!

It is through the generosity of our advertisers that we are able to place this bulletin into your hands without cost to the Parish. Why not get into the habit of looking through the ads and give these neighbors/merchants a chance to serve your needs. Tell them you read about them in the OLV Parish Bulletin.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Stop in & visit Jesus in the Tabernacle. You can do it here at OLV Parish. Our Church is open 7:00am-4:30pm (M-F).

FRIDAY ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12noon - 3PM. **So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

OLV K of C Council #14483

All men over the age of 18 are cordially invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights are the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world. For info' contact Rich at pockets5197@aol.com.

OLV Faith Study Group—Lent 2016

We are assembling an adult group with a purpose of faith study. Learn how to find Catholic answers. We will meet in the church basement at 7PM on Wednesdays. Consider spending an hour each week this Lent enriching your faith.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE—DONATE BLOOD

Wednesday March 16, 2016 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. The Community Blood Service Bus will be in the OLV Parking lot. Walk-ins welcome but if you would like to schedule an appointment please call Community Blood Services at 201-251-3703. Also, on March 16, Be the Match, Bone Marrow Registration. The Blood Mobile will be in the Parking Lot and the Bone Marrow Registry will be in the School First Floor Hallway.

Toiletries Collection FOR LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Annual Toiletries Collection will be the weekends of March 12/13 and March 19/20. Please see the shopping list below for suggested donations. Small and medium size toiletries are especially useful.

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED:

Toothpaste	Soap	Disposable razors	Toothbrushes
Lip Balm	Body Lotion (unscented)		Dental Floss
Shampoo	Shaving Cream		Deodorant
Talcum/Baby Powder	Combs/Brushes	Denture Adhesive/Cleanser	
Individual Packets of Tissues			

Please leave your donations in the Church vestibule.

2016 LENTEN REGULATIONS

- The Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22, 2016.

St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have a St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale March 12 and 13 after each Mass. If you are interested in donating baked goods, please contact Reneeringali@gmail.com, 201-913-2580.

3:00PM ROSARY

On Sundays at 3:00PM parishioners have organized and will be reciting the rosary. All are welcome.

2016 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2016. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Sunday, April 24, 2016— 5 & 25 years;

Sunday, May 1, 2016—50 years.

Please call the OLV Rectory to register at 201-768-1706.

LENTEN Reading

We just received a huge new order of interesting books and booklets so visit our bookrack and check out the vast selection of books, booklets, and pamphlets. **LENT is a great time to read and become closer to God.** Learn more about your faith, the Saints, Mary, Jesus, or pick up one of the inspirational books in stock. Check out some of our new and interesting titles. Don't have time to read? Listen to a CD in the car since we also have a wide variety of Catholic CDs.

**Christians live around the world,
but gather at the foot of the cross.**

- 3 - Never underestimate the impact one life can have on another.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Mar 7—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30
Mar 8—Tue—Moms, Pops & Tots 9:30 -11:30AM
Mar 8 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM
Mar 9—Wed—Bible Study 10:00AM
Mar 9—Wed—Lenten Faith Study Group 7:00PM
Mar 9 —Wed—OLV Needlers
Mar 11—Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-4:00PM
Mar 12- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00noon 3:00-3:25PM
Mar 12/13—Sat/Sun—CDA St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale
Mar 16—Wed—Blood Drive 11:00AM-4:00PM; Bone Marrow Registration
Mar 18—Fri—Jr. Youth Group
Apr 24—Sun—Rosary Society Ladies Breakfast
May 14—Sat- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
May 22—Sun—Confirmation 2:00PM
May 30—Mon—Fr. Innocent CFR First Mass & Reception at OLV-2:00PM

PRAY FOR THOSE in the MILITARY

Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
Midshipman Jon Clemente, US Navy;
Sergeant Nicholas Colletti, US Army;
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain Michael Franson, US Army;
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Corporal Richard McKenna, USMC;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

FASTING

Are Catholics still required to fast prior to reception of Holy Communion? The General Rule is that Catholics should fast for one hour from solid food and beverages, with the exception of water, before going to Holy Communion. The period of fast is reduced for those who are sick, in the hospital, advanced in age and for those caring for them.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

The IRA Charitable Rollover has been passed permanently into law. This law will allow individuals 70½ or older to move up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to qualified charities such as OLV parish, without having to pay income taxes on the donated money. For info about how you can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, call Theresa at (973) 497-4042.

Something to think about.....

Charity Hospital run by the Sisters of Charity in New Orleans, along with the Upjohn Company developed the plasma system in the 1930's that saved so many lives in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and in the middle east now. During the Civil War most of the nurses were nuns.

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT CATHOLIC, THIS IS EYE OPENING.....

When the Catholic Church was founded, there were no hospitals. Today, one out of five people in this country receive their medical care at a Catholic hospital. When the Catholic Church was founded, there were no schools. Today, the Catholic Church teaches 3 million students a day, in its more than 250 Catholic Colleges and Universities, in its more than 1200 Catholic High Schools and its more than 5000 Catholic grade schools. Every day, the Catholic Church feeds, clothes, shelters and educates more people than any other organization in the world. The new Obama Health Mandate could end all this and the tax payers would have to make up the loss. Also, all Catholic adoption services would come to an end; a human disaster.

BREAKFAST CEREAL COLLECTION

Please remember the needy as you shop. The Annual Cereal Collection will be the weekends of March 5/6 and March 12/13.

FEAR

I went to a shrink and told him: "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed -- I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy." "Just put yourself in my hands for one year", said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears." "How much do you charge?" "Eighty dollars per visit", replied the doctor. "I'll sleep on it", I said. Six months later the doctor met me on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" he asked. "Well, Eighty bucks a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$12,480.00. A bartender cured me for \$10.00. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup truck." "Is that so? With a bit of an attitude he said, and how, may I ask, did a Bartender cure you?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed. Ain't nobody under there now."

Giving Up Candy for Lent IS a Holy Act!

Some poke fun at Catholic traditions like fasting from junk food or other ordinary things, yet the very act of "giving up" such things is firmly rooted in Jesus' forty day fast. However, fasting is no mere "child's play!" Our prayers, acts of self-denial and almsgiving or charitable giving, do not earn us God's pardon and peace; these are God's unmerited gifts to us. But whatever we do, great or small, to practice self-discipline, increase our attentiveness to God and others, and to be more generous in our caring and sharing is a good, rather, a great thing!

ADVICE

Warren Buffet does not carry a cell phone, nor has a computer on his desk. His advice to young people: "Stay away from credit cards and invest in yourself, and remember: **A.** Money doesn't create man, but it is the man who created money. **B.** Live your life as simple as you are. **C.** Don't do what others say. Just listen to them, but do what makes you feel good. **D.** Don't go on brand name. Wear those things in which you feel comfortable. **E.** Don't waste your money on unnecessary things. Spend on those who really are in need. **F.** After all, it's your life. Why give others the chance to rule your life?"

TRAVELING STATUE

OLV has a traveling statue of the Blessed Mother that can go from home to home so that prayers and rosaries can be said for the good of the people of the parish and the individual family. The statue will "visit" for a week before it will be sent to the next home. Contact the rectory for information or to have your name placed on the list to receive the statue.

CCD Corner

Over the past 2 weeks we have shared with you some of the Lenten practices our students will be doing during this holy season. **Mr. Evanelle's students** will write down one thing he/she did or one thing that he or she avoided doing, as an offering to God during the previous week. Each of these acts will be placed in an envelope and on Easter Sunday that envelope will be placed in front of the altar as an offering to God. **Mary Ann Bolton's 4th grade class** will be praying a daily rosary. **Jenny Supple and Patty Minervini's 3rd grade Sunday class** will be doing something called Resurrection eggs. There will be a symbol of Christ's passion and death in a plastic Easter egg. In their class each week the children will choose an egg and read a corresponding Bible verse, for example coins symbolizing Judas betrayal of Jesus. How is your Easter spiritual preparation going?

LENT

Lent is usually the Liturgical Season when most of us begin to rethink our lives with an eye toward reconciliation with God. It is the time of the year when the Church asks us to repent and to reform our behavior. Some, of course, reject such an idea. Think how many people in today's world deny sin in general and their own sins in particular. Consider, for example, how people manipulate language in order to justify their behavior: Many politicians, for example, think we are stupid. When they wish to indicate to the voting public that they are for abortion, a strong word which they prefer to avoid, they say they are for a "woman's right to choose". A woman's right to choose what? +No one steals anymore; they simply lift something, or in the case of some large corporations, someone simply made an error in judgment. +No one lies anymore; they simply misrepresent the facts. +No one kills an unborn child; they simply terminate a pregnancy. Who is kidding whom here? All this represents a clever way of candy-coating the reality of sin because we don't like to admit that we sin. Well of course we don't! It's hard to admit our sins; it hurts our pride. If we close our eyes to sin in our lives, we don't see ourselves as sinners; we don't feel a personal need for Jesus. And if we don't see a personal need for Jesus, then we are surely lost! In one of his first letters, St. John said: "If we say that we have not sinned, we make a liar out of God..." And that's because God sent His Son for our sins. If we have not sinned, then something is wrong with God for sending His Son to be sacrificed. And that simply is not so!

QUESTION???

What about related issues to suicide, such as withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment? Careful stewardship of life does not demand that we always use every possible means to prolong life. Treatment can be refused by a terminally ill patient when its burdens outweigh its benefits for that patient. In such cases, the basic care owed to every human being should still be provided. We may reject particular treatments because the treatments are too burdensome; we must never destroy a human life on the ground that it is a burden.

Some Lenten Tips on What to Give Up

Give up complaining ... focus on gratitude. Give up pessimism ... become an optimist. Give up harsh judgments ... think kindly thoughts. Give up worry ... trust Divine Providence. Give up discouragement ... be full of hope. Give up bitterness ... turn to forgiveness. Give up hatred ... return good for evil. Give up negativism ... be positive. Give up anger ... be patient. Give up pettiness ... become mature. Give up gloom ... enjoy the beauty that is around you. Give up jealousy ... pray for trust. Give up gossiping ... control your tongue. Give up sin ... turn to virtue. Give up giving up ... hang in there.

CORRECT RESPONSES

At Communion time when the Priest or Lay Minister says "Body of Christ/Blood of Christ" the response is AMEN, not thank you/Body of Christ/Blood of Christ.

Sanctuary Offerings

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, Pope John Paul Votive Lamp, The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone you know is homebound, even for a short duration of time, please contact the parish office so I or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be scheduled to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 7- Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 Sam Burruano R/b Mary Warner
12:00 Francis Accavallo R/b Karen Accavallo

Tuesday, March 8 – St. John of God, Religious

8:00 Walt Lucas R/b William and Carole DeBrino
12:00 Intentions of Dieter Pfister R/b Joan Crowley

Wednesday, March 9 – St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 Mark Joseph Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Peter Tenewitz R/b Rae Rinaldi

Thursday, March 10 – St. Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem

8:00 Bartram Lee Reeves R/b Family
12:00 Carmella Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family

Friday, March 11 – St. Eulogius, Martyr

8:00 William Quinn Jr. R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Joan Hill R/b Andrew and Marcia Oakes
7:00 George Gill R/b Winnie Gill

Saturday, March 12 - St. Theophanes of Greece, Abbot

8:00 Joan Hill R/b Sr. Elizabeth
12:00 Robert Marra R/b Laura Verbeeck
4:00 Angela Commerford R/b the Williams Family
5:00 Boniface J. Santoro R/b Family
6:00 Peter Francis Connolly R/b Walter and Joy Flaherty

Sunday, March 13 – St. Rodriguez, Priest/Martyr

7:30 James Cattani R/b Tony and Laura Scott
8:15 People of the Parish
9:30 Living and deceased members of the Holy Name Society
10:45 Larry Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family
12:00 Adelina Colarullo R/b the Colarullo Family
6:00 Muriel Elliott R/b the Murtaugh Family
7:00 Joseph E. Neglia R/b the Napolitano Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Joan Fryling, r/b the Fizulich Family.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Mark Joseph Fizulich, r/b loving godparents.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Mark Joseph Fizulich, r/b loving godparents.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the members of our armed forces.

POST-ABORTION COUNSELING

Contact PROJECT RACHEL - 908-925-6442.

MOMS, TOTS, & POPS

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. The group will meet Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the lower church. If you have gently used toys and would like to donate them, please contact samreville@hotmail.com 732-371-8130 or Reneetringali@gmail.com 201-913-2580.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. St. Paul. 2. Golgotha. 3. Barabbas. 4. Two thieves. 5. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting right after his baptism and before his public ministry.

March is dedicated to the St. Joseph

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Ten Commandments have occupied a predominant place in the catechesis of baptismal candidates and the faithful. This Lent we will present an examination of conscience based on the Ten Commandments so you can prayerfully probe your mind and heart to prepare yourself for the Easter Sacraments and/or Confession/Reconciliation. Today we will consider the 2nd / 3rd Commandments.

II. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

Exodus 20:7J

Among all the words of revelation, there is one which is unique: the revealed Name of God. God confides His most holy Name to those who believe in Him; God reveals Himself to them in His personal mystery. Do I use God's Name in silent, loving adoration, or do I abuse it by misusing it in my own speech except to bless, praise, and glorify it? Do the ways I speak of God give witness to His awesome presence and glory? Do I proudly confess God's name without fear? Am I permeated with adoration and respect for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ? Do I improperly use the names of God, Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary or the saints? Have I used God's Name or holy things in a trivial manner? Am I faithful to the promises I make to others in God's Name? Am I a person of honor, fidelity, truthfulness and justice? Am I faithful to all I have promised or vowed in God's Name, or have I reneged on my vows of promises, which makes God out to be a liar? Have I blasphemed by uttering against God - inwardly or outwardly words of hatred, reproach, or defiance? Have I spoken ill of God, Christ's Church, the saints or sacred things? Have I used God's Name to cover up criminal practices, to reduce people to servitude, to torture persons or put them to death, thus provoking others to repudiate religion or God? Have I committed perjury by lying or by promising under oath what I have no intention of fulfilling? Have I given a Christian name to my children, that of a saint, a disciple who lived a life of exemplary fidelity to the Lord, a model of charity whose intercession is certain? Do I reverently use Christian symbols and signs, like the Sign of the Cross, for strength in times of temptation and difficulty? Since God calls each one by name, everyone's name is sacred. Do I respect the name and the dignity of others?

III. "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; on it shall you do no work." /Ex 20:8-10J

Do I faithfully fulfill the Church precept to actively participate in Mass on Sunday and other holy days of obligation? (Unless I am excused for a serious reason, for example, illness, care of infants, or I am dispensed by my pastor.) Do I assist others so they, too, can fulfill this obligation, especially parents of small children or those who care for the sick? Does my active participation at Mass give testimony that I belong to Christ and His Church, and I am in communion with all believers in faith and charity? When prevented from attending Mass do I set aside time for prayer on Sunday? Do I make sure my other Sabbath Activities do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, or health? Do I avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would hinder them from keeping the Lord's Day? Do I make sure my loved ones and I have sufficient rest and leisure to cultivate our familial, cultural, social, and religious lives? Do I make my parish, the particular community of the Christian faithful, a priority in my life? Do I take an active part in its liturgies and other activities? Do I avail myself to the ways my parish helps me grow in faith by taking part in workshops and lectures, parish missions and retreat days? Do I channel my social action (works of charity, donations for the poor, etc.) through my parish? Am I of the erroneous belief that praying at home is just as good as praying with others in the Christian community called "Church?" Do I strive to be an active participant at Mass and other services, by learning the deeper meaning of the rites and rituals of our Catholic Faith?

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Group will be starting in the spring on Tuesday evenings in the OLV rectory. If you would be interested in participating, or if you know someone who would find this program helpful, please call Phyllis Rooney at 201-262-8665. Refreshments will be served.

COMMUNION DRESSES/SUITS NEEDED

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion - a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any communion dresses, suits, head pieces or shoes. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please bring all articles, clean and on hangers, to St. John the Baptist Church Parish Ctr. by March 24th or call Kathy 201-666-4185.

SAVE THE DATE

The Rosary Society will have their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 24th - the featured speaker will be Full Bird Colonel Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski a priest of the Newark Archdiocese.

QUESTION?

What proof is there that Jesus was God? His perfect fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament; His personal character; His teachings; His miracles, and chiefly His Resurrection; His work in establishing the Catholic Church, which has outlived empires and human institutions against tremendous opposition; and finally, the perpetual vitality of His sway over human hearts.

REVERENCE IN CHURCH

When we come to church we should be silent. It is striking how many people have lost the sense of the holy. When they come into church they speak no differently from the way they would at Grand Central Terminal and very often, people have to be told to be quiet and remember where they are. If we stood in the presence of Christ we would not be laughing and gossiping with each other. We'd be speechless. The question is why don't we do that when we come into the house of God? When you come into church, your eyes should be focused on the central point, which is the throne of God, His altar. Whenever you enter the church, whether the Mass is being celebrated or whether we are praying privately, God is present, dwelling in the tabernacle. Tabernacle means a tent. We have given God the tabernacle so that He who condescends to dwell within us may have a place as fine as we can offer in thanksgiving for the incarnation "word was made flesh", and "dwelt amongst us". God allows us to handle Him, but we are judged if we manhandle Him. God grants Himself to us. We are judged if we take Him for granted. The tabernacle reminds us that God is present. When we come into the church and the Blessed Sacrament is before us, we genuflect, "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow." God, in His mercy, allows His house to be our house, but that requires of us a special heavenly etiquette and the most civilized thing we can do is to come into the house of God and pray silently and reverently."

Fr. George Rutler – Church of Our Savior, NYC

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP classes (www.rcan.org/famlife/marriagefamily.htm#natural) are held at Holy Name Hospital email NFP@RCAN.ORG.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who witnessed the stoning of Stephen the Martyr?
2. What was the name of the hill on which Jesus was crucified?
3. Pontius Pilate set what prisoner free instead of Jesus?
4. Jesus was crucified between whom?
5. Where did we get the idea for the Lenten 40-day fast?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 4

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